

September 19, 2002

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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Status of County Interest Bills

County-supported AB 2165 (Strom-Martin), which requires the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee to review the State's shortage of pharmacists and recommend a course of action to alleviate the shortage, was signed by the Governor on September 17, 2002 and will become effective on January 1, 2003.

County-supported AB 2238 (Dickerson), which would prohibit a person from knowingly posting the home address and telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the internet and create an advisory task force to determine how to protect public safety officials' home information, was signed by the Governor on September 17, 2002 and will become effective on January 1, 2003.

Status of Resources Legislation

County-supported AB 716 (Firebaugh), which appropriates \$294.7 million from Proposition 40 for cultural and historical resources, as well as for local parks, including \$9,335,000 for Los Angeles County local parks and \$2,334,000 for development of the El Pueblo Cultural and Performing Arts Center, was passed by the Legislature on August 31, 2002 and sent to the Governor on September 17, 2002. A detailed breakdown of all Proposition 40 funds that were appropriated for FY 2002-03 is contained in Exhibit 1. Although only 44 percent of the \$2.6 billion in Proposition 40 has been appropriated in FY 2002-03, nearly \$86 million is made available to the County and other agencies for projects within the County. Under the Governor's plan, the remainder of Proposition 40 funds will be appropriated over the next four years.

County-support and amend AB 2214 (Keeley), which prohibits licensing a site for disposal of low-level radioactive waste unless it complies with specified federal regulations, was signed by the Governor on September 12, 2002 and will become effective on January 1, 2003.

County-support if amended AB 2534 (Pavley and Nakano), which would appropriate \$195.4 million in FY 2002-03 from Proposition 40 funds for clean beaches, clean water, and watershed management, was passed by the Legislature on August 31, 2002 and sent to the Governor on September 17, 2002. (See Exhibit 1 for details.)

County-supported AB 2704 (Aroner), which provides planning assistance for low-cost flood control and urban creek restoration, was passed by the Legislature on August 29, 2002 and sent to the Governor on September 13, 2002.

County-supported AB 2770 (Matthews and Bogh), which revises the definition of "solid waste facility" and defines "gasification", requires a report on waste conversion technologies, and appropriates \$1.5 million for the report, was passed by the Legislature on August 31, 2002 and sent to the Governor on September 17, 2002.

County-supported SB 1381 (Kuehl), which changes the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project into a Commission to include Federal, State and local public officials and employees, as well as representatives of other stakeholder groups, was signed by the Governor on September 16, 2002 and will become effective on January 1, 2003.

County-oppose unless amended SB 1828 (Burton and Chesbro), which would change CEQA requirements for projects impacting Native American sacred sites, was passed by the Legislature on August 29, 2002 and sent to the Governor on September 5, 2002.

Other Resources Bills

Attachment A is an updated status report showing the bills discussed above, as well as 48 other bills that relate to resource issues. The report is organized by subject categories, such as "Proposition 40", "Coast Related" or "Air Quality". Of the 55 bills, the County took a position on 16. The only County-sponsored bill, AB 1206 (Cedillo), which would have appropriated \$5 million for the El Pueblo Cultural and Performing Arts Center, died; however, \$2,334,000 was included in AB 716 for the project. Of the 12 County-supported

bills, eight were passed by the Legislature, including six of the seven bills discussed above. The remaining two County-supported bills that were passed are:

AB 2308 (Chavez) would allow inert waste deposited in a surface mining operation to be deducted from the wastes stream.

SB 1619 (Romero and Sher) would provide grants for local governments to establish cathode ray tube (CRT) recycling programs.

The four County-supported bills that did not pass are:

AB 1058 (Pavley) would have required establishment of regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks; however, its provisions were amended in to AB 1493, which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

AB 2185 (Chavez) would have changed the composition of the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

AB 2726 (Washington) would have appropriated \$6 million for improvements to Compton Creek.

SB 1342 (Morrow) would have required Regional Water Quality Control Boards to adopt regulations that conform to the Maximum Extent Practicable standard in the Federal Clean Water Act.

Of the three County-opposed bills, one was passed by the Legislature. It is discussed above. The remaining two County-opposed bills which did not pass are:

AB 814 (Havice) would have changed the conditions for State authorization of the LACDA project.

SB 1916 (Figueroa) would have required local coastal plans (LCPs) to include non-point source pollution elements.

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Attachments

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 Local 660
 Coalition of County Unions
 California Contract Cities Association
 Independent Cities Association
 League of California Cities
 City Managers Associations
 Buddy Program Participants